

PART 1
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The principal substance of the interview was the applicant, David Sandoval presenting to Examiner Almatrahi a brief explanation of the history and current ways of handling the ownership and costs of reusable shipping structures as they are put to cyclic use in commerce. The applicant also explained to Examiner Almatrahi how the method of his invention differed from the several currently used methods of handling the ownership and costs of reusable shipping structures as they are put to cyclic use in commerce. The Method For Retrieving Shipping Platforms, set forth in Richards et al (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0083920 A1 which involves an administrator or Coordinator in the cycling of shipping platforms was also considered. As set forth in Examiner Almatrahi's Interview Summary, with reference to claim 1, key features of the applicant's invention were discussed, focusing on distinctions over prior art, in particular the features of transferring and acquiring ownership, valuing pallets, and cost sharing. Other than Richards et al none of the other prior art documents cited by the Examiner were particularly discussed, and no proposed amendments to the claims to more particularly point out the features of transferring and acquiring ownership, valuing pallets and cost sharing were discussed. The interview concluded with the Examiner's suggestion that the applicant submit amended claims setting forth with more particularity the features of transferring and acquiring ownership, valuing pallets, and cost sharing of applicants method.